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SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICA EXPORTS CORN TO USA

1. FIRST SHIPLOAD SOUTH AFRICAN WHITE CORN (ABOUT 14,000 TONS) ON ITS WAY TO BROWNSVILLE, DUE DECEMBER 7, DESTINED FOR CALIFORNIA.
2. IN PAST SEVERAL DAYS AGATTACHE HAD SEVERAL ENQUIRIES AND VISITS FROM US CORN PROCESSORS LOOKING INTO POSSIBILITIES OF WHITE CORN IMPORTS FROM SOUTH AFRICA.
3. THOMAS P. GONZALES OF CALIFORNIA NOW IMPORTING ABOVE MENTIONED QUANTITY AND THE FIRM FRANK R. WARING, SOUTH AFRICAN GRAIN EXPORTER IN JOHANNESBURG, BELIEVES MORE SHIPMENTS OF SOUTH AFRICAN WHITE CORN ARE TO BE MADE.
4. THE QUAKER OATS COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES VISITED THIS OFFICE LAST WEEK. THEY CONTACTED MAIZE BOARD FOR POSSIBLE IMPORTS OF HIGH QUALITY WHITE CORN FROM SOUTH AFRICA. REPORTEDLY NO PURCHASES HAVE BEEN MADE SO FAR BUT THE VICE PRESIDENT, J. BYRON FELTER JR., INDICATED A POSSIBLE IMPORT OF ONE OR TWO SHIPLOADS.
5. PETER LEWIS OF WARINGS CONTACTED AGATTACHE THIS MORNING

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REPORTING THAT FIRST SHIPLOAD OF SA WHITE CORN EXPERIENCING

DIFFICULTIES OF CLEARANCE BEFORE ENTERING BROWNSVILLE.
ACCORDING TO LEWIS THIS SHIPMENT ACCOMPANIED BY REQUIRED
PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE.

6. PLEASE CABLE LATEST USDA IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR
FOOD AND FEED CORN EARLIEST.
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